

Religion

Faith formation is an integral part of all we do in 5th Grade. We attend First Friday Mass each month and prayer services throughout the year. We receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent and Lent, and we pray throughout our day. In Religion class, we focus on the celebration of the Eucharist and the sacraments. We learn about the meaning of worshipping God in community and become aware of the revelation of God's presence in Scripture and creation. One highlight of our curriculum is an emphasis on the lives of saints. Public speaking is incorporated into our Religion curriculum as the children memorize a prayer each month as an oral.



Fifth Grade At A Glance

- * **5th Grade** is an exciting year! Students grow in knowledge, faith, and community. They become confident and independent learners. Organization and critical thinking are emphasized as 5th graders prepare for the next steps of middle school.
- * **Field Trip:** We spend a day at the Sterling Hill Mining Museum, touring the underground zinc mine and enjoying a hands-on day with rocks and minerals. This ties in to our Earth Science Unit and is a highlight of the 5th grade year.
- * **Service:** The 5th grade spearheads a schoolwide food collection each spring, for the St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly run by the Little Sisters of the Poor. We also make crafts for the residents of the Home.
- * **Liturgy:** Each March, the 5th grade presents a prayer service celebrating St. Joseph and St. Patrick.



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Math

The 5th grade math curriculum is aligned to the RCAN guidelines and focuses on :

- Understanding place value through the thousandths and applying this to operations with whole numbers and decimals.
- Interpreting data and analyzing graphs
- Enhancing measuring skills.
- Exploration of geometric shapes and applying concepts of area, perimeter, and volume.

Social Studies

The focus of the 5th grade curriculum is the United States-, from the First Native American civilizations up until the beginning of the American Revolution. Map skills are integrated throughout the curriculum. Students develop key critical thinking skills as we explore the early history of our great nation. Collaborative projects and presentations encourage cooperation and confidence.



ELA

Grammar and Spelling : 5th grade curriculum includes seven major grammar topics, tied to the Archdiocesan Curriculum Map and Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts . Students work toward mastery of different types of sentences, nouns and pronouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, and prepositions, and the mechanics of writing, such as capitalization and punctuation. A new list of high frequency words is introduced each week in a spelling unit.

Writing: Throughout the year, we devote time to creative writing. Students are engaged in all steps of the writing process across several writing genres: procedural, expository, persuasive, narrative, and poetry.

Reading: In 5th grade, students begin to develop higher-level reading abilities through instruction on focused comprehension skills, vocabulary skills, and novel studies. Students move through in-depth literary units on *Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis, and *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry. Specific skills start with a strong foundation in comprehension, and develop and advance to connection, application, and the beginnings of analysis. Students receive instruction through direct instruction, group-work, class discussions, book reports, and oral presentations.

Science

Science in the 5th grade expands content in the areas



of Life Science, Earth Science and Physical Science. We cover a variety of topics including matter, ecosystems, rocks and minerals, astronomy, and weather. The children are hands-on participants in “mini labs” where our focus is on inquiry, investigation and scientific skill building. STEM is integrated into our lab activities with an emphasis on collaboration and communication, thus preparing our 5th grade scientists for the challenges of middle school science.

